



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

Executive Order 2012-08

WHEREAS, a lack of precipitation has caused severe dry conditions and low soil moisture levels that have had a detrimental impact on crop and pasture conditions throughout much of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Drought Monitor index shows 87% of North Dakota to be abnormally dry or in a drought, with portions of twenty counties classified as severe drought; and

WHEREAS, counties and tribal reservations experiencing drought conditions classified as moderate or severe, along with counties adjacent to those drought-stricken counties, currently include: Adams, Barnes, Benson, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Burleigh, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Dunn, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Golden Valley, Grand Forks, Grant, Griggs, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Ransom, Renville, Richland, Rolette, Sargent, Sheridan, Sioux, Slope, Stark, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Traill, Walsh, Ward, and Wells, and the Fort Berthold, Turtle Mountain, Spirit Lake, Standing Rock, and Lake Traverse Reservations; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have had an adverse impact on livestock pastures conditions, crop emergence and production, and agribusiness; and

WHEREAS, these conditions will contribute to water supply shortages for livestock and agricultural producers, to include pasture ponds and dugouts; and

WHEREAS, producers may be forced into supplemental feeding and sell-down of livestock herds to enable operations during this period of extended drought conditions; and

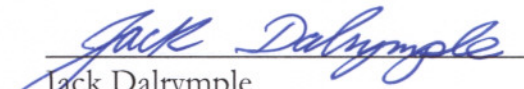
WHEREAS, financial losses to the agricultural industry and agri-business, constitute a serious economic hardship for the entire state; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jack Dalrymple, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, declare that an early-phase agricultural drought emergency exists. I order that all state agencies and administrators maintain agricultural drought response support resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness in order to execute their responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP), and that state officials coordinate with appropriate federal agencies to make appropriate drought response programs available.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

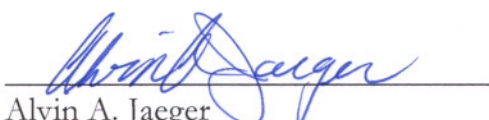
1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 14th day of August, 2012.



Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Deputy